

2020 Q & A's

Question:

What is the deadline to sign up for the 2019-2020 4-H Pheasant Project?

Answer:

The deadline to submit a signed copy of the Agreement Form, and the Tally Form from the club, is **February 11th**, no exceptions. Cheques for any purchased rooster chicks should also be sent to arrive then as well. Chicks will be ordered for arrival in May, with that arrival date to be shared with members and leaders in an email, once confirmed.

Question:

My family has three 4-H members, and has constructed a very large flight pen. Are we able to take on more chicks than 200?

Answer:

It was determined that each 4-H member would be able to receive between 25 and 200 chicks. A family that has three 4-H members **may** take on up to 600 birds, but please note that the quantity is directly related to the size of the pen that the family has available. It is imperative that the size of the pen is correct, to allow sufficient space so that all birds are safe, comfortable and able to grow and develop to maturity.

Please refer to the 4-H Alberta Pheasant Guide

http://www.4h.ab.ca/downloads/documents/Pheasants_PG.pdf as one source for ideas on the pen size and other requirements to help with project success.

Question:

If there are three 4-H members in our family raising pheasants, do we each have to complete a 4-H record book?

Answer:

Yes.

4-H Alberta Club Member Policy 2.01 requires each 4-H member to complete project records for each project he/she is registered in, and have them signed by the appropriate adult volunteer/leader.

The 4-H Alberta Pheasant Record Book can be ordered by your club leader, or is available on the 4-H website, linked http://www.4h.ab.ca/downloads/documents/Pheasants_RB.pdf

Question:

Where do the pheasant chicks come from and when will they arrive once I have ordered them?

Answer:

Chicks will arrive in Alberta, from MacFarlane Pheasants in Wisconsin USA, approximately mid-May. 4-H members and the project leaders will be advised by email of the date and the locations of where chicks can be picked up. Members should bring along a suitable box or container, to transport the chicks home.

Check out the MacFarlane site for lots of good pheasant information and photos:

<https://www.pheasant.com/?ga=2.152556784.853015441.1579284647-128783883.1579031072>

Question:

Why is there a mid project progress report required?

Answer:

The 4-H Alberta Pheasant project continues to evolve, and we all continue to learn together. This mid-project progress report is an opportunity to invite different adults or members, to visit your pen and birds and provide any possible suggestions for improvement, and pick up ideas from you for their own pens as well.

The mid-point (approximately 7 week) timing ensures that there is sufficient time to make any changes that may be required, in order to further the health, growth and development of your birds and achieve success at the end of the project. Keep in mind that requirements of mature birds at release include tail feathers, fully feathered backs and no evidence of open wounds or blood on their backs.

Consider that this is also an opportunity for 4-H pheasant project members to share via a virtual, video or in-person tour, ideas and learnings with pheasant and non-pheasant members from my club or a neighboring club.

Question:

How will I receive information throughout the 4-H pheasant project?

Answer:

All 4-H pheasant project members and leaders will receive periodic emails with information supplied from both 4-H and the Alberta Conservation Association, with the majority of emails coming directly from Ginny Smith, the 4-H Specialist working with the pheasant project.

If you have any questions, comments or concerns throughout the 4-H project, please email ginny.smith@gov.ab.ca .

Question:

What are the release dates?

Answer:

The release dates will be communicated via email with all 4-H pheasant project members and leaders once they are finalized, but will occur approximately at the end of August.

Question:

How does ACA support the 4-H Alberta pheasant project?

Answer:

ACA is committed to our 4-H Alberta pheasant project partnership, including the provision of chicks at no charge to 4-H members so that they may experience raising them from day-old chicks to maturity. ACA also has been able to support 4-H members since 2014 with a 'buy back' opportunity through internal and external funding, assessed annually. Some funds are in exchange for the release of mature pheasants into identified habitat areas.